

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **FINANCIAL REALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS**
RESOLUTION TFP-06-19

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TFP-06-19, reallocating \$238,000 in previously allocated Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds for the three projects identified on the attached Vote List.

ISSUE:

TCRP funds are available for expenditure for five years. However, with the previous suspension of Proposition 42, some TCRP projects were unable to proceed. Proposition 42 has been restored and these projects are ready to proceed, but TCRP funds are in danger of lapsing and must be reallocated before the project can continue.

BACKGROUND:

Section 3.3 of the TCRP Guidelines states allocated TCRP funds are available for expenditure and reimbursement for up to five years after the date of the allocation.

TCRP funding is derived from Proposition 42. However, this funding was partially suspended in FY 2003-04 and fully suspended in FY 2004-05 in response to the fiscal crisis experienced by the State at that time. In response to the future availability of TCRP funds being in doubt, both applicant and implementing agencies decelerated the expenditure rate of some projects and/or in some cases suspended all activities pending future funds becoming available. In FY 2005-06, Proposition 42 funds were restored and projects are once again proceeding.

Initial allocations of TCRP funds were made beginning in September 2000. The unspent portions of those early allocations started to expire in September 2005. Projects ready to continue are at risk of further delays and incurring higher costs if these expiring allocations are not reallocated.

The following list identifies one project for \$188,000 in TCRP funds that will expire at the end of September 2006. Please note however, it may return for re-allocation at a future date:

- \$188,000 – Project #90 – Route 99; widen freeway to six lanes, Kingsburg to Selma.

The following three projects are ready to proceed and will continue to need the remaining balance of previously allocated TCRP funds otherwise set to expire at the end of September 2006:

- \$72,000 – Project #74.1 – Pacific Surfliner; Oceanside Double Track Project.
- \$82,000 – Project #102.3 – Route 101 access; State Street smart corridor Advanced Traffic Corridor System (ATCS) technology in Santa Barbara County.
- \$84,000 – Project #150 - Renovation or rehabilitation of Santa Cruz Metro Center.

Approval of these reallocation requests extends the availability of the TCRP funds, allowing the three TCRP projects identified above to continue to expend funds beyond the current five-year time limit.

Justification:

Project #74.1

Reallocation of funds will allow Plans, Specifications, and Estimates to be completed.

Project #102.3

Reallocation of funds will allow Plans, Specifications, and Estimates to be completed.

Project #150

Reallocation of funds will assist in necessary right-of-way acquisitions.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Re-Allocation		Resolution TFP-06-19	
1 \$72,000 California Department of Transportation (Department) 07 - Los Angeles	Project #74.1 – Pacific Surfliner; Oceanside Double Track Project. Construct 1.2 miles of double tracking adjacent to the main line track from milepost (MP) 227.2 at CP Escondido Junction to MP 228.4 at Oceanside. Re-allocate \$72,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Plans, Specifications and Estimates.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.20.710.010	\$72,000
2 \$82,000 City of Santa Barbara 05 – Santa Barbara	Project #102.3 – Route 101 access; State Street smart corridor Advanced Traffic Corridor System (ATCS) technology in Santa Barbara County. Improve traffic conditions by reconstructing various intersections and installing signals on the Outer State Street Corridor, De La Vina Corridor (parallel to State Street) and other intersections in the vicinity. Re-allocate \$82,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Project Approval and Environmental Document and Plans, Specifications and Estimates.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.30.710.879	\$82,000
3 \$84,000 Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District 05 – Santa Cruz	Project #150 - Renovation or rehabilitation of Santa Cruz Metro Center. Expand and renovate the central Santa Cruz Transit Center by adding additional lanes for passenger boarding and parking for holdover buses. As part of this project, mixed-use, transit-oriented designs will be considered for the renovation and redevelopment Re-allocate \$84,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Right of Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.10.710.010	\$84,000